

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claims 1-22 for using British spelling variants. The Applicants traverse this objection as being improper under MPEP section 608.01. Quoting: “Examiners should not object to the specification and/or claims in patent applications merely because applicants are using British English spellings (e.g., colour) rather than American English spellings. It is not necessary to replace the British English spellings with the equivalent American English spellings in the U.S. patent applications. Note that 37 CFR 1.52(b)(1)(ii) only requires the application to be in the English language. There is no additional requirement that the English must be American English.” from MPEP guidelines found on the USPTO website, located at URL http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/documents/0600_608_01.htm. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejects claims 1-22 as being indefinite, specifically pointing to issues in claims 1, 5, 7, 13, and 15.

Claim 1: the Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, and 14 to distinguish between the two “blocks”.

Claim 5: the Applicants have amended claim 5 to correctly depend upon claim 2, and not claim 1, thereby clarifying the number of self-energizing seals in the claims.

Claim 7: the Applicants have amended claim 7 to recite “each of the hollows” which has antecedent basis in claim 1 (last phrase).

Claim 13: the Applicants have amended claim 13 to recite “said housing flange” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 15: the Applicants have re-written claim 15 to clarify the language and recite “at least one delivery valve”.

In addition, original Claim 22 includes the trademarked term “Nitronic 60”. In order to avoid indefiniteness in the term, the Applicants amend the term to “USC S21800” which is the Unified Numbering System designation of Nitronic 60™ at the time of filing. The amendment is made only for clarity and not as a further limitation or broadening of the claim.

The claims as amended are definite in scope and meaning and can be readily understood by one skilled in the art. The Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under §112 be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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